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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Detlef ALBIN, et al. : GROUP ART UNIT: 3724

SERIAL NO: 08/650,709 :

CPA FILED: August 10, 1999 : EXAMINER: DEXTER, C.

FOR: DEVICE AND A PROCESS  
FOR COARSELY GRINDING  
HYDROUS POLYMER GELS

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AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 4, 1999, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

*Claim 19, lines 2-3, delete --or cross-cutting roll--.*

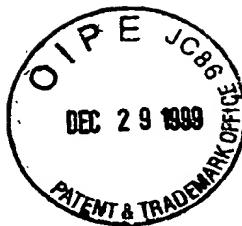
26. (Twice Amended) A device for processing hydrous polymer gel of variable thickness, comprising:

*a cutting roll having at least one axially extending cross cutting element including a cutting edge, and a circumferentially extending [longitudinal] cutting element including another cutting edge;*

*a back-up roll spaced from said cutting roll so as to form a nip, said back-up roll being mounted relative to said cutting roll such that at least one of said cutting edges cooperates with said back-up roll to cut a layer of hydrous polymer gel at the nip; and*

*a conveying device driven [separately from said cutting roll and arranged] to convey*

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 has been established by a verified statement submitted herewith.
- Additional documents filed herewith:

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS	CLAIMS REMAINING		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID	NO. EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	CALCULATIONS
TOTAL	7	MINUS	20	0	× \$18 =	\$0.00
INDEPENDENT	1	MINUS	3	0	× \$78 =	\$0.00
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- If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 for any necessary extension of time may be charged to Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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